

THE HOME FORUM

TOO MUCH NEWS ABOUT THE MOVIES?

W. (Te Awamutu): I have recently been looking with increasing disappointment each week upon the encroachments being made in the "Record" by the films and think that this week the culmination was reached. The title "Film Record" would have been more appropriate than "Radio Record." In the issue dated January 6, no fewer than six pages (approximately quarter of the total space given to reading matter) were devoted to news and articles concerning the "movies." This, however, was not the most regrettable aspect of the case, for the front-page article, presumably that intended to create most interest, dealt with the films.

Glaucing over previous "Records" at random, I see such front-page headlines as "Was Hitler Bluffing?" "Can New Zealand Be Taken?" "Can Churches Save the World?" and "Fine Old English Gentlemen" (the last-named being a particularly interesting and lucid account of radio propaganda in Germany)—all good articles worthy of the paper's reputation for sound reading matter.

And this week? "The Screen's Star-Crop for 1939."

"Record" Reader Says Yes, "Record" Says No . . . Americanised Version Of "Alice In Wonderland" . . . "Let's Broadcast More New Zealand Talent"

What a sad come-down! Surely the great Wolsey himself knew no greater fall than this!

In one respect the "Record" is unique. Persons desiring information about Hollywood stars are apt to find it in every journal and publication at some time or other, but persons seeking information about such radio celebrities as Tauber and the Comedy Harmonists rely solely upon the "Record," and, presuming that they are as eager for news about their favourites as are the film-lovers, would it not be more logical to reduce the film news to a minimum and concentrate more upon that type of matter, which is admirably suited to the "Record," and which constitutes its most interesting part?

[W. of Te Awamutu, is obviously not a film fan himself, but this should not lead him to overlook the fact that the greater percentage of our population are keen picture-goers. In fact, New Zealand is one of the most movie-

minded countries in the world. It is the policy of the "Record" to cover all fields of entertainment, and also deal with items of general news interest. Most film-goers are also radio listeners, though, in the case of this particular correspondent the reverse does not seem to apply. Also, when he praises the publication of such articles as "Was Hitler Bluffing?" and "Can Churches Save the World?" how

are advised to find out exactly what constitutes the uniform. For example, at two large Auckland schools, the uniform for boys is "special school cap, belt and socks with school colours, navy blue shirt and trousers, black shoes." No mention is made of pullovers or blazers. These are extras, and need not be purchased.

On being shown the "regulation" pullovers, I paid nearly 30/- for two for my boys. Though one boy is delicate and cannot play very much, his pullover soon fell into holes. It was examined by an expert, who said short pieces of wool had been used, and naturally the weak places soon wore. After all, I had no need to buy these ready-made pullovers, as I could have knitted them from good-quality wool, with school colours, etc. Anyone who knits will know the advantage of being able to reknit parts of sleeves, when worn. The modern child "hates darns."

Also, note the cut of the navy flannel shirts. Some are very narrow at the back, and soon tear down the sides; though the yoke appears wide enough, material is "sayed" below. School caps should be marked inside with white ink—though sometimes it is advisable to wear the cap inside the shirt when not on the head!

What Do YOU Think About It?

READERS are invited to take advantage of the Home Forum for the expression of their views. Letters, which should be as brief as possible (maximum approximately 200 words), should be addressed to the Home Forum, c/o "Radio Record," Box 1680, Wellington.

the youth of to-day to put into operation real Christian principles such as help your fellow-men and do unto others as you would like them to do to you.

Those principles, if carried out by the Churches, would be very fine indeed, but they do not carry them out. I have also been informed by ministers of the Church that some clergymen have shares in armament factories. If that is so, it does not seem to me that they are trying to bring about peace. In conclusion, I should like to suggest that the root cause of all our trouble is a faulty economic money system, and when we get a decent economic system we will have true Christianity, both in and outside the Churches, and the Churches can play a big part towards obtaining that if they so desire.

Things That Matter

Mater (Christchurch): As a fairly frequent listener to the Commercial stations, may I offer them a small suggestion regarding their programmes. I know that they employ competent people to organise their programmes, but no doubt an occasional suggestion from the veriest layman is occasionally useful. The suggestion is this. I would like to see the ZB stations paying more attention to "things that matter," such as international affairs, questions of general interest in the world today, and so on. There are so many matters of import which are just burning to be treated intelligently over the air. There's no reason, in my opinion, why a radio forum should not be instituted. This is only a suggestion, but I hope the NCBS authorities will see their way to doing something about it.

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

By RICHARD H. TINGLEY

- ACROSS
- 1—Impairs
 - 2—Title of baronet
 - 3—A plaster
 - 12—Strike resound—ingly
 - 13—Front part of hoof
 - 14—Enclosure for small animals
 - 15—To eye
 - 16—Unsafe
 - 18—Higher
 - 20—Leveled
 - 21—Repeated
 - 23—According to (Fr.)
 - 25—Preceded
 - 26—Happen again
 - 30—Decays
 - 32—Small spot
 - 34—Quantity of medicine taken at one time
 - 35—Instigates
 - 37—Entreat
 - 39—Open fabric
 - 40—Profoundly respectful
 - 43—Ridicule
 - 46—Built
 - 49—The whole creation
 - 51—Wait
 - 52—Assumed character

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LAST WEEK'S ANSWER

- DOWN
- 1—Native of part of Great Britain
 - 2—A seaweed
 - 3—Extenuate
 - 4—A cereal
 - 5—Moved
 - 6—Atom bearing electric charge
 - 7—Place again
 - 8—Agreed
 - 9—A part of speech
 - 10—Lacerated
 - 11—Limited
 - 17—Constantly
 - 19—Elongated fish
 - 22—Unburnt brick
 - 23—Macaw of Brazil
 - 24—A lump
 - 27—To plan
 - 28—Employ
 - 29—Expose timber to moisture
 - 31—Contents
 - 33—Mundane
 - 36—Blasted
 - 38—Harmorize (colloq.)
 - 41—Metrical composition
 - 42—Governor in India
 - 43—Chapter of the Koran
 - 44—Presently
 - 45—Incline
 - 47—Where the first apples grew
 - 48—Slight depression
 - 50—Scatter seed

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can he logically reconcile this with his desire for a purely radio paper?—Ed.]

"Ahlus"

Cheshire Cat (Palmerston North): On a recent evening I tuned in to 2ZA Palmerston North to hear "Children's Songs," which proved to be songs and excerpts from "Alice in Wonderland." Well done, no doubt, but both singer and narrator had most atrocious accents. A cultured American voice is delightful, but this was pure "Harleywood," and we shuddered to hear the dear friend of our childhood called "Ahlus." In this country thousands of pounds are spent annually by the educational authorities on teaching our children pure vowel sounds, but what is the good if so much of this other stuff is broadcast? To-night I heard another item from the same station, children's singing games, and was told "Tarmy is gonna play tarps." Isn't it possible to obtain records for children given in plain man's English?

Local Talent

M.P.C. (Masterton): "Let's Build a Nation—Buy New Zealand-made Goods." I have often heard that these days. May I make a suggestion to 2ZB: "Let's Encourage a Nation—Broadcast More New Zealand Talent." Every Saturday night, Station 2ZB presents "Radio Pic"—the best session of the week. Why? Because it's all New Zealand. Give us more Reg. Morgan, Lou Paul, Maori performers and local artists. Surely there is no need for the broadcasting of American "singers," especially the women, in preference to real "Entertainers," who are, at least, worth listening to. "Let's Build a Nation—and Broadcast New Zealanders for New Zealanders."

School Uniforms

Mother (Auckland): When about to buy school uniforms, mothers

Breakfast Music

S.K.M. (Port Albert): Just a few lines in answer to "Swing" (Mataura) in your valuable publication of December 30 last, in which he appears to be somewhat upset in regard to a letter under my nom-de-plume of the previous week, in which I had the temerity to complain of what radio treated us to in the breakfast session. I am asked by him to prove my case. It is somewhere in the vicinity of 65 years since I struggled with what is known by students of Euclid as the "pons asinorum," and fortunately was able to prove the problem to the satisfaction of the dominie.

I may have deteriorated somewhat since those far-off days in my ability to prove my case, but fortunately your correspondent goes most of the way to help in my task when he asserts that, "for quite a while there has never been a time when there has not been a letter from some person about the amount of jazz and crooning that comes over the air."

Unfortunately, your correspondent does not pull up when he has practically proved my case for me, but goes on to add to the troubles of a somewhat distracted editor and Director of Broadcasting by making a comparison between what my digestive organs have to put up with and the similar organs of our friend himself, owing to the further delinquencies of radio. Between the lot of us, dear Mr. Editor, I am sure all will agree, your lot is not to be envied.

The Churches

R.B. (Auckland): I read with interest the Bishop of Wellington's message on "Can the Churches Save the World?", in which he says yes. While I agree with him on some points in his article, I fail to see what the Churches are doing to bring about peace. I think that the Churches have badly failed in their duty to the world, because they have gone away from the fundamental principles of Christianity and have become a commercialised institution. I cannot see where the Churches are giving any encouragement to

"Deplorable"

Reader (Thames): I was amazed to read ("Record" 13/1/39) that an ex-New Zealand doctor by the name of Robert Briffault has published a book which is nothing less than a bitter tirade against the British Empire. From what you say about him, Briffault is a Britisher born. Certainly he seems to owe a degree of the success he has attained in life to his experience and education in New Zealand.

It is all the more deplorable, therefore, that he should thus attack our great Empire. He gains

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No More New Dances Please

Tired (Wellington): I noticed in your last issue a letter written by somebody in Greymouth, asking for a new dance to be presented and explained per medium of the "Record." New dances are all very well, and the way you put across the Lambeth Walk reflected great credit on you. But there can be a limit to that sort of thing. New dances are getting more and more strenuous, and the next thing we have will be somebody trying to teach us the Jitterbug, that horrible American negro dance.

And in any case, I read that the good old-fashioned waltz is coming right back into favour in America. The waltz, with its grace and dignity, will outlast all these crazy new dance creations.

nothing by it. From what you say he appears to have alienated even American opinion. Is all this anti-British sentiment which is being broadcast throughout the world the result of our bloodless defeat at Munich? If so, then it seems we have to blame Mr. Chamberlain for attacks like that of Briffault.